

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the section of the specification entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings" with the following replacement section:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a diagram showing a system architecture of an E-mail management system in a first embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a diagram showing a setting screen utilized for receipt mail forward setting;

FIG. 3 is a diagram showing a display screen of contents of the forward setting;

FIG. 4 is a diagram showing a display screen that displays off-office forward setting steps of the receipt mail;

FIG. 5 is a diagram showing an example of a test mail sent to an off-office forward destination address zzz@xxx.com from a Web server 1;

FIG. 6 is a diagram showing an example of a formatted text C sent to a receipt mail server 2 from the Web server 1;

FIG. 7 is a diagram showing an example of a response mail sent by a user to the receipt mail server 2;

FIG. 8 is a diagram showing a data example of a forward checklist 5 held by the receipt mail server 2;

FIG. 9[[A]] is a flowchart showing forward destination address setting steps;

~~FIG. 9B is a schematic of a forward destination address setting system;~~

~~FIG. 9C is a schematic of a forward destination address setting system;~~

FIG. 10 is a flowchart showing an effective period confirmation process executed by the receipt mail server 2;

FIG. 11 is a diagram showing a system architecture of the E-mail management system in a second embodiment;

FIG. 12 is a diagram showing an example of an E-mail sent to the receipt mail server 2 from a user terminal 3 when a forward setting request is made;

FIG. 13 is a diagram showing an example of a forward permission list 6;

FIG. 14 is a diagram showing an example of the E-mail sent to the user terminal 3 when the forward setting request is approved;

FIG. 15 is a diagram showing an example of the E-mail set for obtaining contents of the

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present setting in a forward setting file 8;

FIG. 16 is a flowchart showing a forward setting process executed by the receipt mail server 2; and

FIG. 17 is a flowchart showing details of a forward permission list confirmation process.

Please replace the paragraph at page 26, lines 14-17 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

FIG. 9[[A]] shows forward destination address setting steps in the present E-mail management system. Now, the Web page of the Web server 1 is displayed on the user terminal 3 as the user operates.

Please replace the paragraph at page 30, lines 16-22 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

If the forward effective period is a predetermined date anterior to the expiration, the receipt mail server 2 sends the test mail to the forward destination thereof (S3). Thereafter, the receipt mail server 2 advances the control to a judgment in S6. Note that a response to this test mail is processed in the same step as explained in FIG. 9[[A]].

Please replace the paragraph at page 34, lines 23-27, continuing at page 35, lines 1-6, with the following replacement paragraph:

Reversely, these processes such as accepting the forward setting request, sending the test mail, confirming the response to the test mail, registering the forward destination address after confirming the response and so on, may also be shared among different server devices. FIG. 9B and FIG. 9C illustrate a block diagram of the embodiments described above. FIG. 9B illustrates the former case where the Web server 1 and the receipt mail server are operated based on the same host. Further, FIG. 9C illustrates the latter case where the elements of Web server 1, transmission mail server and receiving mail server are operated on plural different hosts. As illustrated in any one of FIG. 9B, 9C, "an accept unit", "a confirming unit executing ...", "a command unit", "a sending unit", "a confirming unit commands ...", "a forward destination unit

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registering ..." are realized on a computer, or computers. In this case, the communications among the servers may involve utilizing the aforementioned E-mails, FTP, NFS, or RPCs (Remote Procedure Calls) that are well known in, e.g., the UNIX system and DCOM (Distributed Component Object Model) provided as a Windows function which is defined as OS of the Microsoft Corp., U.S.A.